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LETTER DATED 8 MAY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF URUGUAY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a communiqué from my Government regarding the adoption of Security Council resolution 690 (1991) concerning Western Sahara.

I should be grateful if you would have this note and the annex thereto circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ramiro PIRIZ BALLON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

The Government of Uruguay has noted with satisfaction the Security Council resolution approving the report of the Secretary-General concerning the organization and supervision, by the United Nations in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity, of a referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara.

This resolution sets in motion the implementation of the plan approved by Security Council resolution 621 (1988) of 20 September 1988, which initiated the process that will culminate in the referendum that will now be carried out on a specific date in the near future.

Uruguay has been involved in the elaboration and implementation of this peace plan of the Secretary-General, in particular because the first special representative of the Secretary-General in charge of planning and implementing a peace formula for Western Sahara based on the effective recognition of the right of peoples to self-determination was a Uruguayan national, and for this reason we cannot help but rejoice at the resolution now adopted by the Security Council.

We hope that, with the support of the two parties - the Kingdom of Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Rio de Oro - a referendum organized and supervised by the United Nations will be held, and that the referendum will be a genuine, true and legitimate expression of the will of the Saharan people as a whole.

The Government of Uruguay is prepared to cooperate technically, by providing specialized personnel, in the United Nations Mission for Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO).

Montevideo, 8 April 1991
Hector Gros ESPIELL
Minister for Foreign Affairs